

# Top 5 Things Educators Need to Know about the Common Core State Standards

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## World Class Standards

- The CCSS are more rigorous than Wisconsin's previous standards and are on par with what is taught in leading countries around the world. They promote creative and critical thinking over rote memorization and prepare students with the skills that they need to succeed in a globally competitive workforce.

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## Innovative

- The CCSS are rigorous, clear, and specific at each grade level, which eliminate the guesswork out of what students need to learn. This enables educators to create new, innovative, and more effective ways to actively engage students in learning and allows educators to more easily individualize instruction to meet student needs.

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## For All Educators

- The CCSS call for all educators to use the Standards for Mathematical Practice and the Standards for Literacy in All Subjects to support student learning in all classrooms in order to develop core skills such as to solve problems, communicate effectively, construct viable arguments, and to think critically and creatively.

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## Better Standards, Better Assessments

- The Smarter Balanced Assessment replaces the WKCE for math and ELA. It is computer adaptive, which will measure students' application of knowledge and skills and provide educators with more accurate and time-sensitive data to inform teaching and learning.

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## Forward, Not Backward

- Rigorous standards, aligned assessments, and educator and principal effectiveness work together to maximize student potential and ensure college and career readiness for all students.